

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/5/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-10 now renumbered as 1-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date hereto.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 7-10 are presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Andrew Harry, Reg. No. 56,959, on 6/6/2007.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information-processing apparatus comprising:

an interface configured to control an operation to input criterion for selecting whether to receive information from a first transmission destination or a second transmission destination from an information-presenting apparatus;

the interface further configured to control [[an]] a second operation to input first favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of

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~~major commodities of a first category and second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for commodities of a second category; and;~~

the interface further configured to control a third operation to input second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of commodities of a corresponding sub-category of each of said one or more major commodities of said first category;

a transmission controller configured to control transmission of information on said first transmission destination, said second transmission destination and a criterion for selecting either said first transmission destination or said second transmission destination to said information-presenting apparatus, wherein said information-presenting apparatus is configured to store commodity information corresponding to a geographic location, and

wherein said criteria includes information corresponding to a geographic location of at least one of the first and second transmission destinations and said information-presenting apparatus is configured to store and transmit commodity information corresponding to said first favorite-commodity information, said second favorite-commodity information, and the geographic location of at least one of said first and second transmission destinations based on a determined geographic location of the at least one of said first and second transmission destinations.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An information-processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said interface further controls an operation to input transmission-

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method information indicating a first transmission method for said first transmission destination and a second transmission method for said second transmission destination, whereas said transmission controller is capable of controlling transmission of information on transmission methods to said information-presenting apparatus.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information-processing method comprising:

an input control step of controlling an operation to input criterion for selecting whether to receive information from a first transmission destination or said second transmission destination from an information-presenting apparatus;

a second input control step of controlling and to control an a second operation to input first favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of major commodities of a first category and second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for commodities of a second category; and;

a third input control step of controlling a third operation to input second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of commodities of a corresponding sub-category of each of said one or more major commodities of said first category;

a transmission control step of controlling transmission of information on said first transmission destination, said second transmission destination and a criterion for selecting either said first transmission destination or said second transmission destination to said information-presenting apparatus, wherein said information-

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presenting apparatus is configured to store commodity information corresponding to a geographic location, and

wherein said criteria includes information corresponding to a geographic location of at least one of the first and second transmission destinations and said information-presenting apparatus is configured to store and transmit commodity information corresponding to said first favorite-commodity information, said second favorite-commodity information, and the geographic location of at least one of said first and second transmission destinations based on a determined geographic location of the at least one of said first and second transmission destinations.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A program-storing medium for storing a computer-executable program, which when executed by a computer causes the computer to perform an information processing method, comprising:

an input control step of controlling an operation to input criterion for selecting whether to receive information from a first transmission destination or said second transmission destination from an information-presenting apparatus;

a second input control step of controlling and to control an a second operation to input first favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of major commodities of a first category ~~and second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for commodities of a second category; and;~~

a third input control step of controlling a third operation to input second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for one or more of commodities

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of a corresponding sub-category of each of said one or more major commodities of said first category;

a transmission control step of controlling transmission of information on said first transmission destination, said second transmission destination and a criterion for selecting either said first transmission destination or said second transmission destination to said information-presenting apparatus wherein said information-presenting apparatus is configured to store commodity information corresponding to a geographic location, and

wherein said criteria includes information corresponding to a geographic location of at least one of the first and second transmission destinations and said information-presenting apparatus is configured to store and transmit commodity information corresponding to said first favorite-commodity information, said second favorite-commodity information, and the geographic location of at least one of said first and second transmission destinations based on a determined geographic location of the at least one of said first and second transmission destinations.

Claims 11-20 (Canceled).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 7-10 are allowed.

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5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the art of record fairly suggests or teaches all of the limitation of the claim languages, especially the limitation of inputting a first favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for commodities of a first category and a second favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for commodities of the sub-categories of each commodity of the first category and to store and transmit commodity information corresponding to these favorite-commodity information inputted with a determined geographic location of either a first or second transmission destination. O'Neal reference, US 6,711,154, disclosed a method in selecting destinations for transmission but fails to teach to allow input operations of favorite-commodity information nor to include information corresponding to a geographic location of one transmission destination. Calvert reference, US 6,526,275, although taught to store and transmit commodity information corresponding to geographic location, fail to disclose a controlling operations to input favorite-commodity information indicating a degree of favoritism for major commodities of a first category and sub-categories of each major commodity of the first category.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenny Lin whose telephone number is (571) 272-3968. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM to 5 PM Tue.-Fri. and every other Monday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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